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* THIS YEAR'S OPC DINNER PROMISES TO BE "BIGGEST, BEST YET" *
* AS MORE (AND MORE) RESERVATIONS CONTINUE TO POUR INTO CLUB *

Mrs. Helen Reid, Herald Tribune President,
Joins Panel of Regional Editors
To Spark Dramatic Debate

With 22 full tables already reserved for the Club's Awards Presentation Dinner in the Waldorf Astoria's Grand Ballroom on Wednesday, May 16, the 1951 Dinner Committee this week announced that Mrs. Helen Rogers Reid, president of the New York Herald Tribune, will join the four-member regional newspaper panel to be featured in the dramatic keynote program, the "American Press Looks at the World" at the dinner.

Mrs. Reid, who returned from a European survey trip last week, will have as colleagues on the panel such distinguished journalists as Erwin D. Canham, Christian Science Monitor editor; Executive Editor Gideon Seymour of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune; and Barry Bingham, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times.

This outstanding group of editors will address penetrating questions on foreign policy and international affairs to a panel of Club Member-experts-H. V. KALTENBORN of NBC; HAL BOYLE of AP; Past President BOB CONSIDINE of INS and QUENTIN REYNOLDS of UN World -- with CBS commentator EDWARD R. MURROW as moderator!

As official invitations to the Dinner went this week to Club Members and prospective guests, Dinner Chairman JOSEF C. DINE reported that checks and bids for reservations were flowing into Club headquarters at a fast pace. He attributed this partially to the fact that subscription rates this year are lower than those in effect in 1950, but mainly to the exciting new program feature.

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Some concern was expressed by Chairman DINE for those Club Members who traditionally have "waited until the last moment." This year, he warned, people who wish up-front tables must send their checks and reservations quickly -- to be assured of favorable position in the Grand Ballroom.

"We can't be responsible", he said, "for those who express disappointment when they discover that preferential tables have already been assigned to others."

Official subscription rates: \$9 each for a Member and one guest. \$12.50 for additional guests. Tables seat 10. Checks and reservations should be addressed at once to the Dinner Committee at Club Headquarters, 1475 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

CLUB PUBLISHES FIRST EDITION OF "OPC STORY"

A 12-page booklet entitled "The Overseas Press Club Story", prepared by the Public Relations Committee, has now been published and is available for distribution to prospective Members. The brochure is the first "promotional piece" to be published by the Club; it was written and printed in response to mounting demands for a leaflet which would outline the OPC's history, aims and activities in brief form.

Just 8-x-3 inches in size, "The OPC Story" can easily be mailed in a regulation business envelope or carried in the pocket. Club Headquarters plans to issue the booklets to candidates for membership or other persons requesting information about the Club.

- : To aid in distributing the booklet, Members this week are asked to list on their
- : return post card the names and addresses of prospective Members to whom a copy of
- : "The OPC Story" and an invitation to apply should be sent. Please mail your card today.

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Overseas Press Club Members are cordially invited to attend a meeting to protest censorship, both by official authorities and pressure groups, of books and films. Sponsored by the National Council on Freedom from Censorship, affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union, the meeting will be held at 8 PM on Wednesday, May 9, at Town Hall. Admission is free. Programs may be secured from Club Headquarters. H. V. KALTENBORN will speak.

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"Less than a month remains for forgetful Members to pay their dues," Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL reports, "before their names are inscribed on the delinquent list". Therefore, this is Gentle Nudge No.2 If you haven't already done so, won't you please send in your dues check today? In case you've lost the notice, here is the dues scale: Active Members--\$20; Associate Members--\$30; Guest Members--\$30."I was very happy to note that the Overseas Press Club had passed a resolution against a reduction in the funds for the Voice of America (The Bulletin, April 12)", writes Assistant Secretary of State EDWARD W. BARRETT in a letter to Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER. "This is greatly appreciated by all of the hard-working team who are giving so much to this effort"....After 20 years as editor of The Rotarian, following a hitch in Paris with the old Herald, LELAND D. CASE is settling down in the Arizona desert with his wife in an adobe abode. He'll continue with The Rotarian as "field editor", which "will give me time to do more of the writing that I've been postponing for so long"....

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- CLUB CALENDAR -

Board of Governors Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 PM
Dinner Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 PM

JOHN DALY BLUEPRINTS

NEW ADMINISTRATION;

PLANS APPOINTMENTS

Within hours after his election as President of the Overseas Press Club last week, JOHN DALY had plunged into the manifold responsibilities of his new job. The popular ABC commentator and news analyst, who succeeded LOUIS P. LOCHNER as head of the 750-member foreign correspondents

association, on April 27, began a series of conferences with LOCHNER on his new duties.

Later, President DALY conferred with other club officers and with Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths to set up necessary administrative machinery. Appointments of chairmen of the 18 standing committees have been surved, and the names of those who will serve as Committee chiefs will be announced in next week's Bulletin.

President DALY also reported that one Committee -- on Freedom of Press and Information -- is already at work. At the first meeting of the Board of Governors, called for next Tuesday at 5:30 PM, this Committee will present recommendations for action in connection with the closing on April 23 of the Rome Daily American by Italian authorities. (The Bulletin, April 26)

Meanwhile, President DALY urged that Members who have not yet paid their dues remit the necessary amounts at once to Club Headquarters. "We have an ambitious program ahead of us", he said, "and certainly the first step is the vote of confidence which Members can give us through paying their dues."

BULLETIN XXXX NEW YORK, MAY 2 -- OPC PAST PRESIDENT AND MRS. LOUIS P. LOCHNER FLY TO NASSAU....Thus, early this week, the Overseas Press Club's beloved Past President and his wife --Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS P. LOCHNER -- boarded a British Overseas Airways plane here in New York for a flight to Nassau. Retired on April 26 as Club President, the veteran AP correspondent and Mrs. LOCHNER will spend ten days in Nassau at the Royal Victoria Hotel as guests of the Club's Board of Governors, as well as through the courtesy of BOAC....Bon voyage and happy landings, Mr. Past President!

"Life photographer DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN and his fighting camera", says the May Reader's Digest, "have become to many of our men in Korea what Ernie Pyle was with words to the GI's of World War II"....AP correspondent STAN SWINTON left Florida this week for a swing through the central states....A one-act drama, "The Beast", by GERTY AGOSTON, film correspondent for the Nationalzeitung of Basel, Switzerland, is being filmed by New York University's Drama Department....

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COLUMBIA SILEO attending a series of Pan-American fiestas in Washington...A new television news round-up featuring WALTER CRONKITE and Ernest K. Lindley began April 1 on Washington station WTOP-TV. Show will be weekly....T. L. BERNARD, executive veep of Compton Advertising, has been granted a six months' leave to fill a special executive assignment at the request of Assistant Secretary of State EDWARD W. BARRETT. During World War II, BERNARD served in Washington and abroad for the OWI....Newly appointed Deputy Chairman, Office of Industrial Enrollment, New York City's Office of Civil Defense, is SVEN-ERIK BERGH....LOU GARCIA, Panagra's public relations manager, just returned from a trip around South America with Fred Othman, Scripps-Howard columnist; Dick Sarno, photo director for the Hearst Newspapers; and several other U.S. newsmen....

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 Wedding bells rang March 24 for MURRAY LEWIS and Pat Kennedy, at All Soul's Church. Bride is on the publicity and promotion staff of Abraham & Straus. Congratulations!.... HAL LEHRMAN now expanding and up-dating 14 of his Israel articles from Commentary and other mags for a William Sloane Associates book scheduled for fall publication. Working title: "Israel: The Beginning and Tomorrow." This summer LEHRMAN is off for Israel on a Guggenheim fellowship, with a brief stop-over in Yugoslavia....Featured on the cover of the Maine Market Mirror, a promotion mailer distributed by Gannett Newspapers, is Washington correspondent MAY CRAIG, now celebrating her twenty-fifth year with the organization. Hats off to the popular capital distaffer!....

After six years in Germany for UP, Time & Life and, most recently, Military Government and HICOG, JACK M. FLEISCHER leaves Bonn to become public affairs officer at the U.S.Embassy in Oslo, Norway. "Obviously any Overseas Press Clubbers finding their way to Oslo will be most welcome at the FLEISCHERS", he writes, "although just where we'll live at present is a big question in view of the housing shortage in Oslo"....\$100 New York Times news-writing awards went last month to HAROLD CALLENDER, Paris bureau, and CLIFTON DANIEL, London correspondent...

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NBC commentator H. V. KALTENBORN on May 1 initiated Kate Smith into the Radio Pioneers' Club. Meanwhile, he's busy mailing out thousands of copies of his 15-minute analysis of General MacArthur's dismissal in which he outlined the 11 points of disagreement between the General and the White House. He also guested on the "Who Said That?" TV show on April 30...Congratulations to Board Member LARRY BLOCHMAN, who last week received an "Edgar" from the Mystery Writers of America for his short story, "Diagnosis: Homicide"...

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here over Robert Vogeler's release from jail in Hungary brought visiting hotshots to Vienna. Among them: Seymour Freidin, New York Post; Russell Hill, New York Herald Tribune; the AP's DON DOANE; ALAN Z. BAUM, Acme Newspictures photographer; and Red Grandy, the Stars & Stripes photographer who made that spectacular shot of Eisenhower as he got the MacArthur news....Mags and syndicates are prepared for hot-bidding competition on Vogeler's experiences. If he's willing to write them, of course...

Paul Schinkman assumed command of the State Department PIO replacing Bill Stearman, former MBS correspondent who moved to another USIS spot....U.S. High Commissioner Walter J. Donnelly and Lt. Gen. Leroy S. Irwin, U.S. Forces in Austria commander, recent dinner guests at the American Press Club here....

ALEXANDER KENDRICK of CBS back at his Vienna post after a year of networking from Washington....Simon Bourgin (Time & Life) back from a three-months stateside junket...Craig Hazelwood, civilian assistant in the USFA PIO at Salzburg, editing a privately produced magazine, Salzburger Nockerin, for Americans in Austria....Joseph Wechsberg of The New Yorker on an Air Force junket to North Africa....Maj. Dan Mahoney, PIO of USFA headquarters command, leaves for a new job at Camp Atterbury, Ind.Spring came late to Vienna, but the Press Club's garden is a mass of apple blossoms now. Many visiting firemen expected in the next few months. -- (JOSEF ISRAELS II).

ROGER SHAW continues to double at the steering wheel and typewriter. In June he drives a British M.G. at the Bridgehampton Road Race; his articles on "Fred the Great" and the "Great Elector" are in Washington military mags. Also, an article on movies in the Twenties and one on auto racing...

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Staggering under a load of heavy bundles, a messenger early this week walked into OPC Headquarters to deliver from the printers the first copies of the Club's new "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence." The 1950-51 edition of the OPC's roster of distinguished overseas journalists is now available at the club. Advance orders which flooded Club Headquarters following an announcement in the April 5 Bulletin are being filled as rapidly as possible.

Bound in an attractive blue-and-gold cover, the 128-page "Who's Who" contains biographies of Members, a historical section, information on Club projects and activities and reproduction of the Club Constitution and By-Laws. The volume is a library "must", not only for Club Members but for editors, advertising executives, public relations officials and others.

Cost per copy is only \$1 for Members, and \$2 for non-members. Subscribers may purchase two copies, one for office use and one to keep at home. Because this edition may be limited, Members are now urged to fill out and mail the coupon below, with a check to cover costs, to Club Headquarters.

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A King's Story -- the Memoirs of the Duke of Windsor (G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$4.50). Publication of this important volume at last puts in print the Duke's "side of the story". These memoirs are more than the autobiography of a Prince who became King; they are the revelation of a man's struggle for personal freedom. Makes interesting, top-flight reading for correspondents.

Unite or Perish by Paul Reynaud (Simon & Schuster, \$3). In this book, the former French premier states his case for a united states of Europe. Reynaud sets forth his views with vigor and simplicity. Excellent background material for today's events.

Wine of Violence by Ralph Ingersoll (Farrar, Straus and Young, \$3). In turning out his second novel, newsman Ralph Ingersoll goes far in establishing himself as a first-ranking fiction writer. This is a love story with war-torn London as backdrop.

Seven Decisions That Shaped History by Summer Welles (Harper & Brothers, \$3). Writing with the authority of his former post as Acting Secretary of State, Summer Welles brilliantly outlines the crucial diplomatic war-time decisions that are influencing present-day patterns.

Return to Paradise by James A. Michener (Random House, \$3.50). Once again the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Tales of the South Pacific" rings the bell -- this time again returning to the scenes of those war takes which won him world recognition. Highly recommended reading.

Russian Purge and the Extraction of Confession by F. Beck and W. Godin (Viking Press, \$3.50). This book was authored - under pseudonyms - by a distinguished Russian historian and a German professor of science who, having escaped from the USSR, now tell their story. Their views throw a sharp light on the Soviet Union today.

Bears in Caviar by Charles W. Thayer (J. B. Lippincott Co., \$3.50). This is the story of a "cookie-pusher" (General Patton's description of a diplomat) in which he tells in a gay and uninhibited style his rollicking adventures behind the Iron Curtain.

Rural Cuba by Lowry Nelson (University of Minnesota Press, \$3.50). This is a thorough, documentary work on Cuba by Minnesota University's professor of sociology. An extremely definitive work, this book is a "must" for true Cuban background.

JOHN MOROSO is recovering from sulphur burns incurred during a visit to MacArthur's presidential suite at the Waldorf Astoria, where he worked for three days without sleep before collapsing....A member of the executive committee of the newly-formed Film Press Writers of America is LEONARD COULTER.....BETTY BETZ off to Japan and Korea in June.....

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